

GENERAL INFORMATION

Each year, the Governor's office and the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education jointly sponsor two Governor's Professor of the Year Awards. One of these awards is conferred upon a faculty member at a South Carolina public or private senior college or university. The other is conferred upon a faculty member at a public or private two-year institution of higher learning. Each faculty member recognized as a Governor's Professor of the Year receives a formal citation presented during a ceremony hosted by the Governor's office. In addition, the winners and the institutional nominees are recognized at a luncheon.

Each public and private institution in South Carolina is eligible to nominate a faculty member who has demonstrated exceptional teaching performance. The Governor's office and the Commission on Higher Education establish a committee (including representatives from these offices and from appropriate civic, business, government, and academic organizations) which selects the two Professors of the Year.

Using the [nomination form link](#), each institution is invited to download and email the application form to submit a nomination from its faculty. **The form and all supporting information must be received at the offices of the Commission on Higher Education by Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.** Also provided is a copy of the [criteria](#) (in decreasing order of importance) for choosing candidates to be interviewed as finalists. **Experience shows that application portfolios developed through a shared institutional process tend to be stronger.** Likewise, the selection of finalists in the past has been significantly influenced by the inclusion of materials that focus on special qualities which show a candidate to be not only outstanding but also distinctive from other nominees. **Only nominations that observe the deadline and the limitation of seven 8½" x 11" pages will be considered by the selection process.**

Questions about the award or process should be directed to Ms. Rita Allison (rallison@che.sc.gov) at 803.737.1929.